

This is my public comment regarding AB1881

The Golf industry understands the severity of the drought situation we are currently in and applaud the DWR for addressing the need for revising the MWELO. The golf industry would like to be included in future discussions revising this ordinance. We would like to be able to give achievable recommendations to DWR that can have desired results on golf courses.

As the Draft revision is written currently it lends some very loose definitions to what are considered golf Fairways, and Rough areas. Golf courses are categorized as "recreational" or "Special Landscape Areas," but the category attaches only to "greens, tees, and fairways." Where is the Rough? This terminology needs to be included and we would like to have input as an industry to how it is written.

Another concern that we have is regarding the irrigation efficiency factor in the MAWA calculator is raised from .72 to .92, a completely unattainable standard that results in a MAWA budget being unrealistic and useless. We are opposed to raising this number based on it being an unrealistic number that cannot be achieved.

Another concern that we have regarding this revision is the topic of turf removal. The removal of these turf areas being replaced with drought tolerant plants is applauded but there is an unanticipated consequence for this in normal wet years or abnormal rain events where this material that is used to replace turfgrass can be washed into the storm water system causing extra debris and contaminants into the system. When we remove turfgrass we lose a very effective natural filter that helps keep the storm water system cleaner.

Thank you for hearing our concerns regarding this draft version of the MAWA

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